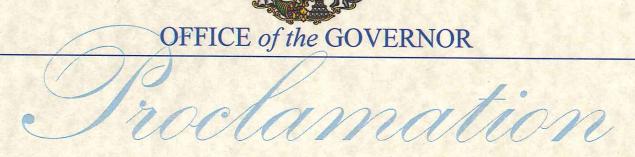
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WHEREAS; there are sexual assault prevention and education efforts underway throughout Wisconsin and the nation to challenge the societal myths and behaviors that perpetuate rape, and to engage communities in a common goal of ending sexual assault; and

WHEREAS; April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month and Child Abuse Prevention Month; and

WHEREAS; International Denim Day has been observed since April 1999 as a symbol of protest in response to an Italian High Court decision to overturn a rape conviction because the victim wore jeans; and

WHEREAS; every year since, community members, elected officials, businesses and students have organized to make a social statement with their fashion statement and wear jeans as a visible means of protest against myths that surround sexual assault; and

WHEREAS; Wisconsin supports the Denim Day initiative, as there is no excuse and never an invitation to rape;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Scott Walker, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim Wednesday, April 23, 2014, as

## **DENIM DAY**

throughout the State of Wisconsin, and I commend this observance to all of our citizens.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 21<sup>st</sup> day of April 2014.

SCOTT WALKER GOVERNOR

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE Secretary of State